Knowledge Mat- Hinduism

Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

Sticky Knowledge

- At Divali, Hindus light Diva lamps and worship the goddess Lakshmi.
- Lighting Diva lamps allows Hindus to remember the story of Rama and Sita finding their way home.
- Hindus celebrate Divali by making a Puja tray together as a family. This helps them feel that they are important in the family as they share the same beliefs.
- Going to the temple reminds Hindus that they belong to the community, not just their family.

Recommended Reads



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Diwali	The Hindu festival of light
Rama and Sita	Key characters in one of the main Hindu stories
Ganesh	An elephant headed Hindu God
Temple	A symbolic place where Hindus worship and come together
Lotus flower	A flower that has symbolic meaning in the Hindu faith
Rangoli pattern	Patterns used during Divali to bring good luck

Crucial Connections

'Pathway of Belief - Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism DVD/Video www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/4794.html : Divali and New Beginnings Rangoli patterns, Diva lamps and Puja tray: internet - one per group Pictures of Hindu children during Diwali: internet 'Being Me in My World': Jigsaw







